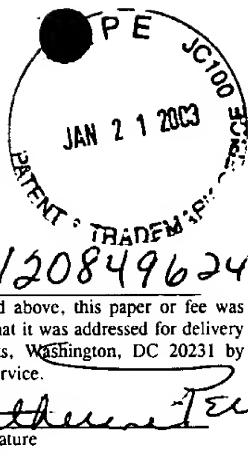


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002, please amend the present application as follows: